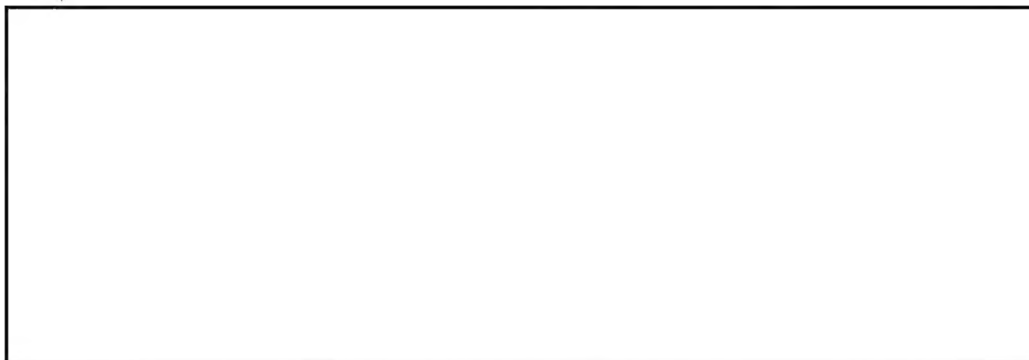


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All of us here feel very sympathetic and very depressed about the happenings in Czechoslovakia which, although they could be foreseen, nevertheless are really a sincere tragedy. We all hope that this may be a passing phase and that the phase will not last very long before Czechoslovakia can again resume the rightful place among democracies to which she belongs not only by past efforts but in her ideals and daily life.

[redacted] is still going around a free person, but we are informed that he is "hot" and how long he stays out of the Commies' hands is unknown. Thank you



Very sincerely yours,

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